

# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR WISCONSIN BAY AREA COUNTIES

July 2002



State of Wisconsin  
Department of Workforce Development

## Increase in Unadjusted Unemployment Rates During June is Inconclusive

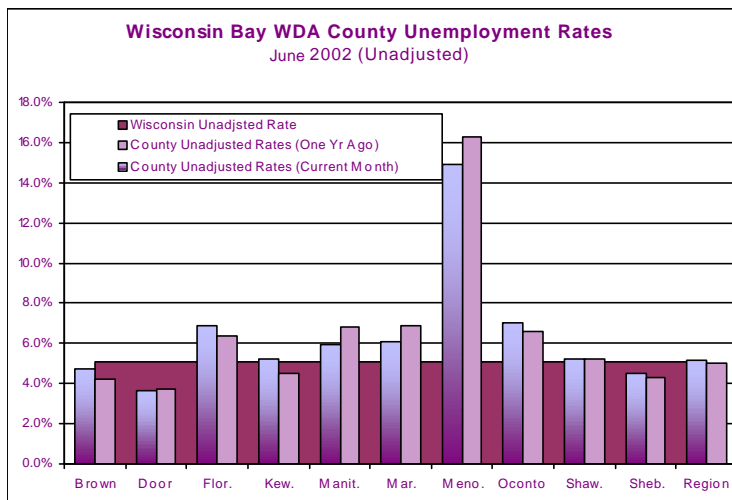
For the month of June, the seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates for the Wisconsin Bay Area increased in nine of the area's ten counties. The increase in the rates, while disappointing, may not be due to a decline in the economy, but in the way the data is counted. This happens every several years during the month of June. The department does the household survey of just over 1,200 households for the week of the month in which the 12th falls. The survey includes all members in that household that are age 16 and older. It asks questions such as: did you work in the week of the 12th. If the answer for any of the family members for that question is no, then the survey will ask if they have looked for work during the previous four weeks. This is to show labor force attachment.

The problem with the month of June, is that many summer jobs are dependent on both the weather and when school is over. Most of the workers begin to look for work several weeks before this time, however, they may not start work until later in the month of June. This creates a lag that pushes up the rate until the next month when we get back into sync again.

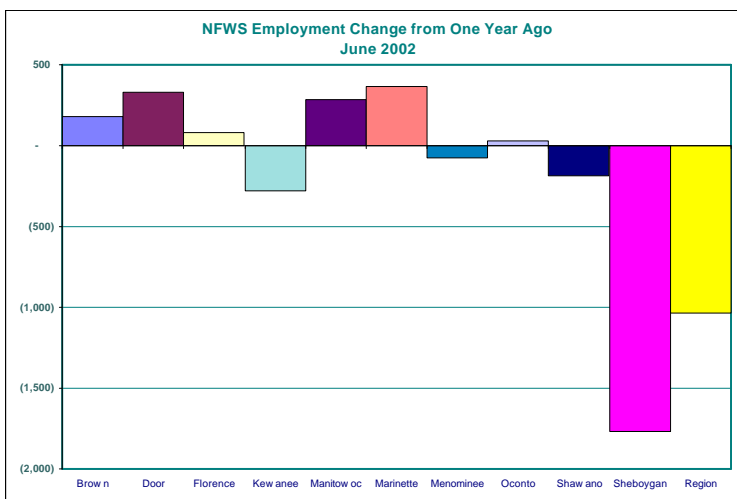
The unadjusted rate for the Wisconsin Bay Area rose 0.6 tenths of a percentage point to 5.1 percent. "This was the first increase in the region's rate since February, when the rate rose to 7.2 percent.

Last month, I commented that the growth in the region's labor force was below what it has been for the last several years. While the increase in the labor force for June at 8,900 is substantially above the May level, it still lags slightly behind the increases that occurred in June of 2000 and 2001

when over 11,000 entered the area's labor force. Although the growth was less than the previous two years for the month, the number in the labor force was 4,000 above last June.



3,400 from last June. Brown County had the largest over the year increase in employment in the region with an increase of 2,600 to 136,800. Kewaunee County had the largest decrease in employment over the year, dropping 400 to 10,500.



Like last month, much of the increase in employment was related to seasonal jobs. Much of the employment growth is expected this time of year.

In June, the number of non-farm wage and salary (NFWS) jobs increased 4,800 to 321,000. There was continued improvement in the manufacturing sector, which was up 1,000 from May. Despite increases in employment the last several months, manufacturing employment is still 2,900 jobs below last June. Overall, NFWS employment was down 1,000 from last year in the region.

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## Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates for May

The seasonally adjusted rate was up slightly in the Green  
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Bay MSA. The rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.2 percent. This was 0.5 of a percentage point above last June. The rate in the Sheboygan MSA declined 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.1 percent.

The nation's unemployment rate rose 0.1 of a percentage point

to 5.9 percent. The rate in the State of Wisconsin increased 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.9 percent.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

<b>Wisconsin Bay Workforce Development Area</b>												
<b>June 2002</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Door</b>	<b>Florn.</b>	<b>Kewan.</b>	<b>Mantw.c.</b>	<b>Marntt.</b>	<b>Menom</b>	<b>Oconto</b>	<b>Shawn.</b>	<b>Sheboy.</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	143,600	18,400	1,900	11,100	48,000	22,900	2,400	17,700	20,800	64,800	351,500	3,111,200
Employed	136,800	17,700	1,800	10,500	45,100	21,500	2,100	16,400	19,700	61,800	333,400	2,952,500
Unemployed	6,800	700	100	600	2,900	1,400	400	1,200	1,100	2,900	18,100	158,800
Unemployment rate(%)	4.7%	3.6%	6.9%	5.2%	6.0%	6.1%	14.9%	7.0%	5.2%	4.5%	5.1%	5.1%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.1%	N/A	4.9%
<b>Total, all industries**</b>	148,000	15,800	1,300	6,900	39,800	21,000	2,000	10,500	12,800	62,900	321,000	2,868,000
Construction & Mining	9,100	1,000	100	600	1,800	600	0	600	600	2,600	17,100	135,900
Manufacturing	28,200	2,600	300	2,000	13,900	6,600	0	3,200	2,500	24,900	84,200	570,300
Transportation & Public Util.	11,200	200	0	400	2,400	1,000	0	400	600	1,700	17,900	132,500
Wholesale Trade	7,800	300	0	200	1,000	600	0	100	400	2,100	12,400	139,300
Retail Trade	26,200	4,200	400	1,100	6,200	3,700	100	1,900	2,700	9,200	55,500	511,100
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	10,400	800	0	300	1,000	600	0	200	400	2,000	15,800	153,700
Services	37,100	4,800	200	1,300	8,900	5,500	0	2,100	2,900	13,500	76,300	802,100
Government	18,000	1,900	300	1,100	4,700	2,400	1,900	1,900	2,800	6,900	41,800	423,000
<b>Change from previous month</b>												
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	2,300	2,100	0	200	1,400	600	100	100	300	1,900	8,900	72,000
Employed	1,300	2,000	0	0	1,000	400	0	0	300	1,600	6,500	51,200
Unemployed	1,000	100	0	200	400	200	100	100	100	300	2,300	20,800
Unemployment rate(%)	0.6%	-0.1%	0.2%	1.5%	0.7%	0.5%	3.9%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.6%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.1%	N/A	0.1%
<b>Total, all industries**</b>	600	1,800	0	0	700	300	0	0	100	1,400	4,800	25,800
Construction & Mining	500	100	0	0	100	100	0	100	0	100	1,000	6,700
Manufacturing	400	100	0	0	200	100	0	0	0	300	1,000	6,300
Transportation & Public Util.	200	0	0	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	-300
Wholesale Trade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	1,200
Retail Trade	-200	700	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	900	5,100
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	100	1,500
Services	0	700	0	0	200	200	0	100	100	700	1,900	10,100
Government	-300	100	-100	0	100	-100	-100	-200	-100	100	-400	-4,900
<b>Change from year ago</b>												
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	3,500	600	100	-400	500	500	-100	200	-300	400	4,000	58,500
Employed	2,600	600	100	-400	800	600	0	100	-300	-300	3,400	46,400
Unemployed	900	0	0	100	-400	-100	0	100	0	-300	600	12,100
Unemployment rate(%)	0.5%	-0.1%	0.5%	0.7%	-0.8%	-0.7%	-1.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.2%	N/A	0.3%
<b>Total, all industries**</b>	200	300	100	-300	300	400	-100	0	-200	-1,800	-1,000	2,400
Construction & Mining	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-300	600	-600
Manufacturing	-1,000	0	0	-200	0	0	0	-300	0	-1,400	-2,900	-21,400
Transportation & Public Util.	300	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	500	-2,700
Wholesale Trade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Retail Trade	700	100	0	0	100	100	0	0	0	100	1,200	3,500
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	-500	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-300	2,400
Services	-500	100	0	0	100	300	0	100	-100	-200	-300	14,300
Government	400	100	0	-100	-100	0	-100	100	0	0	400	6,800
* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2001												

Going to be needing Summer Workers? Contact your local Job Center and list your openings on JobNet and the Internet. This free service has a special Seasonal/Summer category to help you find the right person. Call our local office or enter your job listing on the internet at: <https://dws.dwd.state.wi.us/dwewjos/employer>.

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